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1. AN ASSISTANT TO SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER WILLY BRANDT GAVE US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE EX-CHANCELLOR'S PLANNED VISIT TO MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES. BRANDT WILL VISIT MEXICO AT THE INVITATION OF THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT DR. REINHARD WILKE, SPD INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY HANS-EBERHARD DINGELS AND DEPUTY SPD SPOKESMAN UWE-KARSTEN HEYE, PLUS FIVE GERMAN JOURNALISTS (THREE OF WHOM WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY BRANDT TO THE UNITED STATES).

2. BRANDT WILL DEPART FRANKFURT ON MARCH 20 AND WILL REMAIN IN MEXICO UNTIL MARCH 24. REPORTEDLY, THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA WILL ALSO BE AN OFFICIAL VISITOR TO MEXICO AT THE SAME TIME.

3. IN THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 24, BRANDT WILL FLY TO

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, WITH THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT'S PLANE,

WHERE HE WILL DELIVER A SPEECH AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY ENTITLED "DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS--PROGRESS IN DEMOCRACY." ON MARCH 25, BRANDT WILL FLY TO NEW YORK WHERE HE WILL SPEAK BEFORE THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON GERMANY ("THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA IN THE YEARS TO COME"). WHILE IN NEW YORK, BRANDT WILL MEET WITH JOURNALISTS AND WILL ATTEND A DINNER FOR UN AMBASSADORS GIVEN BY THE GERMAN UN AMBASSADOR VON WECHMAR.

4. BRANDT WILL GO TO WASHINGTON ON MARCH 26 AND MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD AT 11:00 A.M. ON MARCH 27. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, BRANDT WILL SPEAK AT A NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON. ON MARCH 28, THE EX-CHANCELLOR IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE LUNCH WITH THE SECRETARY. HE WILL RETURN TO GERMANY ON MARCH 29.

5. ACCORDING TO BRANDT'S ASSISTANT, HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MAKING A TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE HE GOES TO THE SOVIET UNION. HIS AIDE BELIEVES HE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS GLOBAL PROBLEMS REQUIRING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (E.G., FOOD, ENERGY, AND THE SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS). HILLENBRAND

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